

CoC Learning Community Conference Call

February 8, 2017

Attendees: Stephen Carter – ARCH CoC
Mike Dunthorn – Knox County CoC
Melanie Cordell – Tennessee Valley CoC
Terry Burdette – HART CoC
Laura Gwin – HART CoC
Amy McDonald – West TN CoC
Dana Brooks – Memphis CoC
Stephen Wright – Chattanooga Regional CoC
Jeanne Price – Region 1 Housing Facilitator
Susan Greene – Region 3 Housing Facilitator
Dena Zipp – Region 6 Housing Facilitator
Lawrence Wilson – Region 7 Housing Facilitator
Brandi Heffner – Region 7 Consumer Housing specialist
Rebecca Raymer – Region 6 Consumer Housing Specialist
Gina Turley – Region 3 Consumer Housing Specialist
Ken McKnight – Region 4 Housing Facilitator
Emma Johnson – Region 4 Consumer Housing Specialist
Abigail Dowell – TDMHSAS
Bob Currie – TDMHSAS
Michael Davis -- TDMHSAS

Notes and Action Steps:

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Item
Welcome and Introductions		
F/up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">When asked if any other CoC or community thought they may be able to certify ending veteran or chronic homelessness through USICH, it was discussed that specific cities or counties may be able to do this before entire CoCs, specifically the CoCs covering several counties.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Putnam County and Crossville may be closeHomeless Plan Media Events – Currently plans for events in West TN, Knoxville and TN Valley are under way. Chattanooga and HART have expressed interest as well and TDMHSAS will f/up with them. If interested, please e-mail Abigail Dowell.Action Step edits or ICH recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was discussed that action steps 1.1.1 – 1.1.7 would be moved under the CoC Learning Community as opposed to being broken up between different workgroups. ○ Through discussion of these action steps and the certification requirements it was mentioned that THDA will be having an opportunity for motel vouchers which will be especially helpful in areas where there aren't emergency shelter options. 	
Chattanooga's USICH Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Hoffman from Chattanooga's Mayor's Office shared about their experience and process towards certification from USICH for ending Veteran's Homelessness. • The following are several points she shared. If you would like more information or to speak with her specifically, please contact her at hmhoffman@chattanooga.gov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The narrative answers are very important to USICH. Once written, the draft of the narrative was sent to their partners in Chattanooga to get their feedback and make sure it was accurate. ○ Maintaining and updating the by-name list: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worked with primary service providers to ask specific questions to determine if someone is literally homeless and a veteran. Once determined, they often complete a vi-spdat and e-mail/telephone Heather directly. 2. Work closely with local VA Outreach team. Dan Heim helped to create 3-4 Releases of Information that allowed VA to share info with the city and created a better back and forth. Heather is checking with Dan and will share if possible. 3. City hired several outreach specialists on a temporary basis to develop the initial list and have maintained 2 of the positions. ○ Conduct weekly case conferences with the homeless providers. Each person gets a housing plan and 1-2 action steps are taken each week for each person on the list. ○ In regards to emergency shelter options, the city brought together several resources to create an emergency shelter system. This includes funding from the mayor, transitional housing programs and private landlords willing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDMHSAS will follow up with DOE • Chere Bradshaw to share homeless preference initiative information • Dana Brooks to share information of Memphis homeless outreach reporting tool •

	to hold beds.	
Data Repository Agreements and Release of Information drafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As we, TDMHSAS, continue to move forward with our process to implement a data repository that we hope will include information from the CoC's HMIS and different state agency data systems, we have developed a rough draft agreement to be used between TDMHSAS and each individual CoC as well as a draft release of information statement that you can use as an addition to your current ROIs. Both drafts are attached and include edits in track changes based on the discussion and feedback we received on the call. Please submit any further questions, edits, or other feedback to us by March 3, 2017. As we receive edits from each CoC we will incorporate and then send back out for review from everyone and take any additional comments to create a draft that we can all have our attorneys review. As you review these documents, please know that we are happy to discuss and answer any questions that you may have. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
TennCare Managed Care Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BlueCare in Memphis, TN has been working with the Shelby County CoC to assist them in documentation to prove an individual's chronic homelessness status and the completion of the VI-SPDAT before a person is released from the hospital. TennCare hosted a call with all of the MCOs, Bob, and I a couple of weeks ago where Julie Ritter from BlueCare shared about this partnership and process with the other MCOs. Each one expressed interest in being able to do this going forward and creating a better relationship between their organization and the CoCs. BlueCare is very interested in expanding this to other CoCs. If your CoC is interested in speaking with Julie Ritter about this possibility, she can be reached at Julia_Ritter@bcbst.com or 901.440.7835 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Department of Labor and Workforce Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DLWD requested feedback for needs of homeless individuals to obtain employment and potential solutions The following ideas were provided by meeting attendees and sent by Abigail Dowell to DLWD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Example from Overton County was provided. Their Workforce Development office pledges rental assistance to individuals aging out of foster care, so they have stable housing to obtain stable employment. Example from West Tennessee was provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

	<p>An agreement between Tennessee Housing Solutions and Southwest Transportation has been put into place to provide transport from shelters to various services across counties. Could be replicated with different transportation counties to transport for jobs</p>	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently scheduled for May 3, 2017 from 9:30a CST – 11:30 CST. • Please provide Abigail Dowell with any agenda items you would like to include 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •